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Interview

Dear Examiner Oropeza,

Further to our phone conversation of last week in connection with the above-identified patent application, this is to confirm that Dr. Lesser, Mr. Perez, and I will be attending the interview with you on September 2, 2004, at 11:00 AM.

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Best regards,

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